

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE – INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

1. The FEMA Public Assistance program is actually Infrastructure Support for Governmental entities & and certain Not-For-Profits that perform essential governmental services.
2. Eligible applicants can be County Highway Departments, City/Town Street, Utility & Parks Departments, Fire Departments, Sheriff's Departments, County Drainage Boards, Sewer Districts, Schools, REMC's &, not-for-profit hospitals.
3. Eligible categories of work are: A) Debris Removal, B) Emergency Protective Measures, C) Roads & Bridges, D) Water Control Facilities, E) Buildings & Equipment, F) Public Owned Utilities, G) Public Owned Parks and Recreational Facilities.
4. The first step to obtaining FEMA Disaster Funding is doing a damage assessment using \$ amount immediately after the disaster event and turning it in to your County Emergency Management Director. The County EMA Director will send the county info to DHS. See FORMS.
5. If Statewide costs are \$7.2 million or greater DHS will request FEMA to do a FEMA/State /Local Damage Assessment using FEMA eligibility criteria. FEMA's criteria is to put the damage back to pre-disaster condition. There are conditions for upgrades using mitigation and codes and standards.
6. If Statewide costs are still \$7.2 million or greater after the FEMA PDA, the State will request a Presidential Declaration to provide FEMA funding for damages incurred to local entities.
7. A county must have sustained FEMA eligible damages equal or greater than their population multiplied by the factor 2.94 for 2006 to be included in the Presidential Declaration Request.
8. The Presidential Declaration Request will go the FEMA Region V, FEMA National and the President for approval.
9. Applicant Briefings will be held to sign up applicants after the Presidential Declaration is signed by the President. Applicants have 30 days to turn in the Request for Public Assistance to DHS.
- 10 FEMA will return to write up Project Worksheets on damage sites after a Presidential Declaration.
11. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** Funding will be denied if these processes are not followed: 1) Contract bid process must be followed. Two bids are required in emergency situations. 2) All required permits must be applied for & granted before the work is started. 3) All required environmental reviews must be done before work is started. 4) Improved projects must be requested in writing before work is started so FEMA can do an environmental review prior to the start of project. Required permits must be obtained by applicant.